

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐  
no ☒

Property Name: Cupler Property Inventory Number: G-I-A-225  
Address: 211 Windy Acres Lane Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no  
City: Grantsville vicinity Zip Code: 21536 County: Garrett  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Avilton  
Property Owner: John A. Cupler Family Trust Tax Account ID Number: 1203010880  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 007 Tax Map Number: 09  
Project: U.S. 219 Improvements, Meyersdale (Pa.) to I-68 Agency: FHWA, SHA  
Agency Prepared By: Heberling Associates for SHA  
Preparer's Name: William Hunter Date Prepared: 6/15/2005  
Documentation is presented in: W.M. Hunter 2003 [2005] Historic Structures Survey/Determination of Eligibility Report, U.S. 219 Improvements Project. Prepared for the FHWA and SHA by Heberling Associates, Inc.  
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes  
Site visit by MHT Staf ☐ yes ☒ no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Property and Justification:** *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Cupler Property is an example of the reuse of elements of a relic farmstead, a now 94.32-acre tract located above the Casselman River on the western slope of Chestnut Ridge. The original houses are gone, as are many of the outbuildings, but the barn remains as the core of a c. 1974 residence and small commercial establishment, a wellness store. Some of the original materials from the house were reincorporated into the new house and surroundings. In addition to the redeveloped barn, the property features a modern garage, swimming pool, a rebuilt springhead, a rebuilt springhouse, the vague ruins of a sugar camp and a pool house. The trace of the old Salisbury Road bisects the property from north to south.

The property once featured a c. 1860 two-story five-bay Georgian-form house south of the barn, known for its size and full size rear wing. The house was razed in the early 1970s. The barn, first constructed relative to an earlier log house on the slope to the east, was a large five-bay standard Pennsylvania barn modernized c. 1940, when its forebay was enclosed, a shed was built off of the front, and a concrete block milk house was constructed off its southeast corner. Local informants suggest that the barn once had an overshoot on its eastern gable end, though the original form of the barn and such details are impossible to discern from its current reconstructed form. The barn was converted into the principal residence in 1974.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒  
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
MHT Comments:

Shirley Tarlton  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

John E. Kuntz  
Reviewer, National Register Program

8/29/05

Date

9/13/05

Date

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The Cupler Property may be located on the site of the Hans Casper Durst home place, first developed as early as 1769 by the Swiss immigrant and progenitor of the Durst family in the region. The only material element that may be associated with Casper Durst is the "little house," a stylized springhouse found near the c. 1860 house site, south of the core buildings. This structure features a partially excavated rough-sandstone foundation and half-timber frame that may indeed date from the late 18th century. Adjacent foundation remnants, a concrete block chimney and a modern foyer addition demonstrate the changes to the building over time; the building may have once served as a schoolhouse. The current owners stripped and rehabilitated the building in the early 1970s, incorporating its structural elements into a stylized Tudor cottage design featuring heavily glazed multi-paned windows and stucco wall treatment.

The loss of at least two early residences, destruction of most outbuildings, the reconstruction of the barn as a residence, and the development of the original property, combine with the alterations to and reconstruction of the springhouse to strain the historic associations necessary for National Register consideration. The Cupler Property is at the head of a residential development on the west slope of Meadow Mountain and is now a thoroughly modern complex. Suffering from a dramatic loss of integrity, the Cupler Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B or C. In spite of some disturbance, there are likely archaeological remains associated with the now-raised farm buildings.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria:   \_\_\_ A   \_\_\_ B   \_\_\_ C   \_\_\_ D   Considerations:   \_\_\_ A   \_\_\_ B   \_\_\_ C   \_\_\_ D   \_\_\_ E   \_\_\_ F   \_\_\_ G

MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services\_\_\_\_\_  
Date\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, National Register Program\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Cupler Property

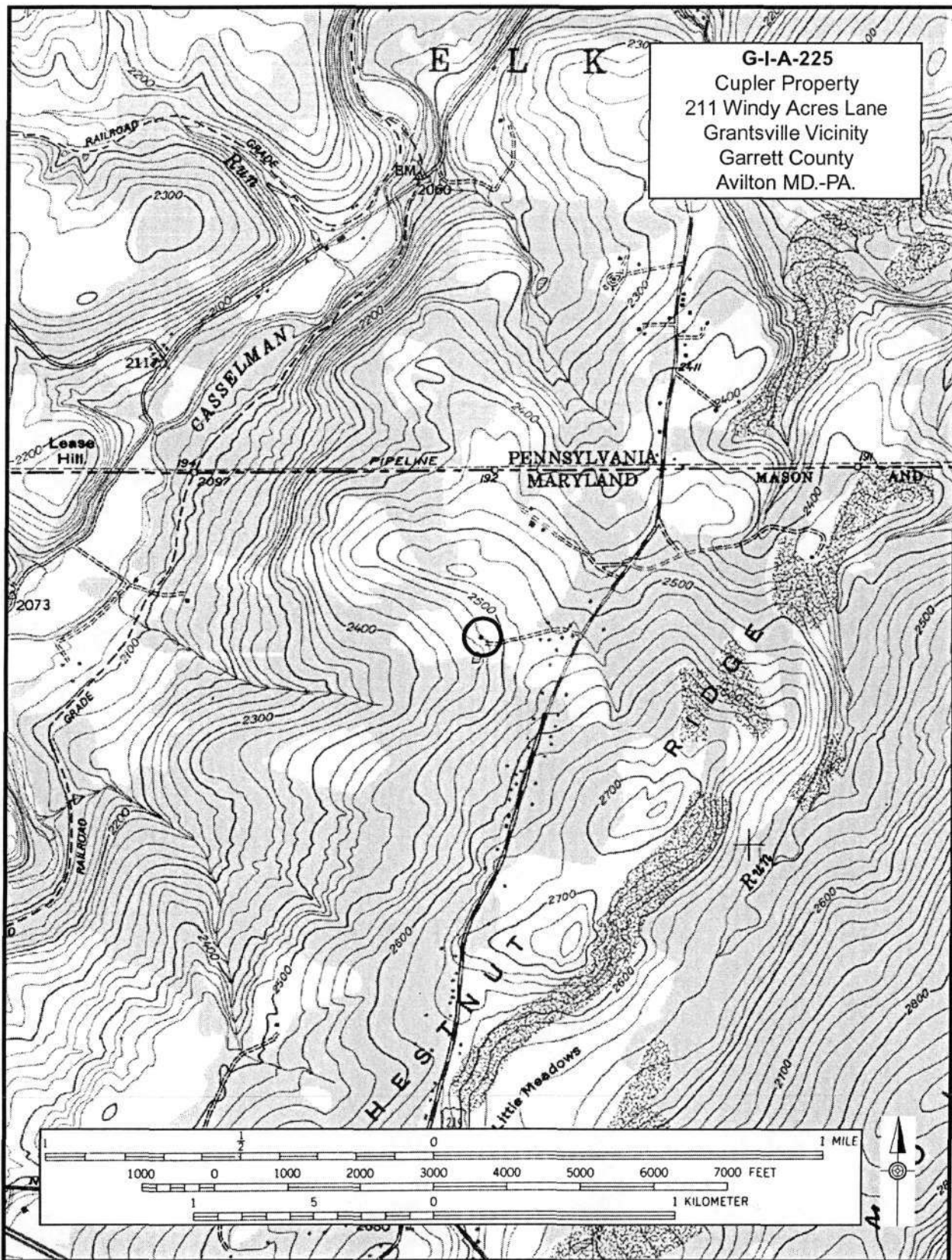
c. 1974

211 Windy Acres Lane

Grantsville

Private

The Cupler Property is an outstanding example of the adaptive reuse of a relic farmstead, the now 94.32-acre tract located above the Casselman River on the west slope of Chestnut Ridge. The original house is gone, as are many of the outbuildings, but the barn remains as the core of a c. 1974 residence and small commercial establishment, a wellness store. Some of the original materials from the house were reincorporated into the new house and surroundings. In addition to the redeveloped barn, the property features a modern garage, a rebuilt springhead, swimming pool and pool house, and a rebuilt springhouse known as the "little house," a stylized springhouse found near the c. 1860 house site, south of the core buildings. This structure features partially excavated rough-sandstone foundation and a half-timber frame that may indeed date from the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. The current owners stripped and rehabilitated the building after 1974, incorporating its structural elements into a stylized Tudor cottage design featuring heavily glazed multi-paned windows and stucco cladding. The Cupler Property is at the head of a residential development on the west slope of Meadow Mountain. Suffering from an overwhelming loss of integrity, the Cupler Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.





C-1-A-225 (CUPLES PROPERTY)

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

HEBERLING ASSOCIATES, INC. (AUGUST 2003)

VIEW OF BARN AND HOUSE, FACING EAST.

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G-1-A-226 (COPIER PROPERTY)

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

HEBERLINE ASSOCIATES, INC. (AUGUST 2003)

VIEW OF BARN, FACING SOUTH.

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G-1-A-225 (COPIER PROPERTY)

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

HEBRALINE ASSOCIATES, INC. (INCORPORATED - MD)

VIEW OF THE "LITTLE HOUSE," FACING SOUTH.

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G-3-A-228 (CLUPER PROPERTY)

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

HEBERLING ASSOCIATES, INC. (NOVEMBER 2004)

VIEW OF THE "LITTLE HOUSE" FACING NORTHEAST

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G-I.A.-225 (CUPPER PROPERTY)

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

HEGERLINK ASSOCIATES, INC. (NOVEMBER 2004)

VIEW OF THE MODERN SPRINGHOUSE, FACING SOUTHEAST.

Photo Set 5.